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REMARKS

This is an RCE application in which claims 27 and 32-45 will be prosecuted. It is respectfully requested that the amendments above be entered before examination of the application.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the brief telephonic interview held on May 18, 2004 with the undersigned regarding clarification of the Advisory Action dated May 6, 2004.

Claims 27 and 34 have been amended to recite 95% sequence identity. Support for this can be found in the specification on page 9 at lines 16-23. Thus, no new matter has been added.

A Petition for a two month (2) extension of time accompanies this response.

Please charge any fees associated with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment including, but not limited to, any extensiions of time, and credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 04-1928 (E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company).

In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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